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[] Chief/SR Division, called to inform me that an Atlanta, Georgia friend of one of the division's employees (also from Georgia) had called this employee to suggest that in view of the fact that Sen. Russell was going to Russia it might be a good idea if the maker of the call (who is a friend of the Senator) would arrange with the Senator to have our employee accompany the Senator as an interpreter so that the Senator could have a reliable Georgian with him.

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[] discussed this with Gen. Cabell, who suggested that [] secure my views. I pointed out that Sen. Russell was on board ship with the DCI and he could raise the question of an interpreter if he desired. Furthermore, the Department of Defense had a brigadier general and commander travelling with the Chairman and presumably they could arrange for an adequate Army interpreter if none were available in Moscow. I stated that I felt that the Defense Department might well resent any intrusion of such a nature on our part and that I did not think the expense of flying an employee to Europe for this purpose was justifiable. I have recommended against same.

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